



**National Response Team Member Meeting:
Deepwater Horizon/Gulf of Mexico Incident-Specific Call
Action Items and Decisions Reached**

Date: May 20, 2010
Time: 11:00 AM (EDT)
Location: Conference Call only (1-800-320-4330)

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Note: Action items are indicated in ***bold italicized text***.

INTRODUCTION

- US Coast Guard (USCG) CDR Ed Bock, who was sitting in for CAPT Anthony Lloyd, opened the conference call and welcomed participants.

SITUATION BRIEF

Operational Update

The operational update was provided by Deputy National Incident Commander (NIC) RADM Peter Neffenger.

SubSurface Response Status

- The riser insertion tube tool is working successfully. It is estimated that the riser tube tool is collecting approximately 3,000 barrels of oil a day.
- There are additional riser tools that will be used as backup if the tube tool fails.
- The leak in the riser just above the blow out preventer (BOP) is still leaking. A second, smaller crack has developed which is also leaking.
- The 'well kill' operation is expected to occur between May 23-26. The 'well kill' will take two to three days to complete.

On Water Recovery Status

- Six in situ burns (ISB) were completed on May 19, 2010. More ISBs are scheduled for today.

- Skimming efforts are ongoing. It is estimated that 11,800 barrels of oily water mix was recovered yesterday.
- No air dispersants were applied yesterday. 3,600 gallons of surface dispersants were applied by vessel.
- 3,500 gallons of subsea dispersant were applied.
- As of today, 1.4 million feet of boom has been assigned. Response teams are working to close the gap of required boom noted in the Louisiana area contingency plan. The gap should be closed by early next week.

Shoreline Response

- Thick black oil has been reported along the shoreline of the marshes in Louisiana. Ribbons of black oil are coming on shore, most likely resulting from times when inclement weather prohibited on-water recovery work.
- ‘Containment donuts’ are being used to contain the oil along the shorelines to ensure it does not impact the marshes.
- There were 15 tar ball samples taken in Key West; the first five samples that have been tested show that they are not oil from the BP spill. There are no test results yet for the other ten samples.

Communications Update

- Responders are coordinating with the Joint Information Center (JIC) to provide video and photo coverage of onshore cleanup crews along the marshes in Louisiana.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson issued a memo on May 19, 2010 requesting that BP investigate the use of other dispersant types.
- This morning, EPA Administrator Jackson did local television interviews covering the BP spill; she will do more national-level interviews this afternoon.
- Efforts are ongoing to ensure consistent updating of the daily fact sheets—amending to meet the needs of the dynamic situation.
- NRT Incident-Specific Vice Chair Dana Tulis, noted that the EPA posted dispersant information and data on the EPA incident-specific Web page.

Legal Affairs Update

- A joint letter from EPA Administrator Jackson and Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano to BP is under final review. The letter directs BP to publish all oil spill data and related information and includes an attachment describing the process. The letter could be signed and distributed as early as May 20, 2010.
- Legal Affairs continues to brief staff at the Capitol on proposed changes to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF), to include the liability limit and if the spill could be classified as more than one incident.

Intergovernmental Affairs Update

- DHS Office of Public Affairs (OPA) continues to address questions being raised by governors concerning the Loop Current and the oil trajectory. Yesterday, a conference call was held with representatives from all the states along the Atlantic Seaboard to ensure they understood the implications of oil potentially reaching the Loop Current.

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has been notified about the situation and potential human health issues. There have been no human health issues reported. The Department of Health and Human Services, along with other Federal agencies is working with state and local officials concerning health risk messaging.
- The NIC interagency solutions group consists of representation from 18-19 Federal agencies. At this time, the interagency group at the NIC has formed several subgroups, to include a flow rate technical team, an alternative technology assessment team, and a subsurface sampling team.
- The issue of the location of submerged oil and soiled ships has been raised and is a particular concern to those delivering oil. This issue has been passed to the NIC interagency solutions group.

Congressional Affairs

- This week, there have been a total of five Committee hearings on the oil spill; next week, there will be at least four hearings.
- Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois and other Senators are requesting a visit to Louisiana on Monday, May 25.

Additional Note

- At this time, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal's proposal of the barrier island dredging is not being considered as a preferred response approach and not an appropriate response measure for this spill. RADM Neffenger stated that he is assuming that NRT member agencies are in agreement unless stated otherwise. The conclusion and rationale will be presented to the Administration for their concurrence.

NEXT CALL

- NRT Members meeting: May 21, 2010, 11:00 AM (EDT)